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Re application of: **Tapani LEVOLA**

U.SSN: **10/538,972**

International Application No.: **PCT/FI2003/000948**

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For: **DIFFRACTIVE GRATING ELEMENT FOR BALANCING  
DIFFRACTION EFFICIENCY**

Art Unit: **2874**

Examiner: **Rhonda S. Peace**

Docket: **915-005.168**

**AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO THE OFFICE ACTION  
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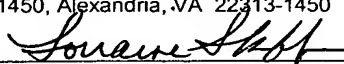
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